

Fall 2010

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# *Kansas Environmental Health Association Newsletter*

*Affiliate of the National Environmental Health Association and the International Association of Food Protection*

*Formerly Kansas Association of Sanitarians*



## **SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST**

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## **Message From the President**

**Keena M. Privat, R.S.**

It's hard to believe August 2010 is already here and the Kansas Environmental Health Association fall conference is just around the corner. For Environmental Health Professionals, the past 18 months have been challenging to say the least. Environmental health departments across the state and the country have endured challenging economic times as a result of the country's most recent recession. As we look to the future, there are many unknowns with regards to budgets, staffing allocations, and program planning.

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) recently conducted multiple surveys regarding the current status of public and environmental health. In their findings, it was reported that between January 2008 and December 2009, local health departments (LHD) lost a staggering 23,000 jobs due to layoffs and attrition. In other words, roughly 15% of the entire LHD workforce was reduced during that time period. In 2009, an additional 25,000 LHD employees were subjected to reduced hours or mandatory furloughs. Also during 2009, more than half of LHDs made the difficult decisions to cut funding to essential programs such as population-based primary prevention, maternal and child health, and environmental health. Overall, Kansas reported a 29% loss in LHD workforce due to layoffs and attrition. An additional reduction of 14% was experienced in reduced staff time and furloughs.

I had the opportunity to attend the National Environmental Health Association conference in Albuquerque, NM in June and saw the same concerns and issues discussed during candidate forums and throughout the general membership through the entire conference. We have all felt the confusion, frustration, and heartache as a result of the national and state cuts which have substantially impacted our field. KEHA has been mindful in the planning of the Fall 2010 conference to make attendance at the conference affordable and packed with information applicable to your daily work. In addition, the conference is being held at the Great Wolfe Lodge so bring your entire family to enjoy their facilities, Cabela's next door, or the entire Legends shopping area in Kansas City, KS. Help to ensure the future of KEHA and join us for the fall conference on September 22-24, 2010. We are the future of environmental health in Kansas!

## KEHA Fall 2010 Conference, September 22-24, 2010

Below, you will find the agenda, registration information and maps for the upcoming KEHA Fall conference. This year's conference will be held in Kansas City, Kansas at the Great Wolf Lodge. Registration forms should be sent to Greg Willis as soon as possible (September 8, 2010). Hope to see you all there.

### *2010 Fall Conference Program* *Great Wolf Lodge* *Kansas City, Kansas*

#### **WEDNESDAY, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

11:00 -12:50	REGISTRATION
1:00 -1:05	Opening Remarks—Keena Privat, RS Lyon Co. LEPP, KEHA President
1:05 - 2:00	<b>Keith Krinn</b> , RS, MA, DAAS, DPHA, President, NEHA, Columbus, OH 'History of Environmental Health and NEHA Update'
2:00 - 2:15	BREAK (Vendor Area)
2:20 - 3:30	<b>Suresh Pillai</b> , Ph.D., Microbiology, Texas A&M, College Station, TX 'Septic Tanks to Space Stations: Microbes and Humans'
3:35 - 4:40	<b>Mike Van Stratton</b> , Lab Director, KBI Forensic Lab 'CSI: Forensic Science or Forensic Fiction – What Real Labs Do'
4:40 - 5:00	<b>Vendor Presentation - Infiltrator</b>
5:00 – 5:30	Check-in

#### **THURSDAY, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

7:00 – 8:00	Continental Breakfast
8:00 – 8:05	Opening Remarks—Keena Privat, RS, Lyon Co LEPP, KEHA President
8:05 – 9:30	<b>Millicent Carroll</b> - Portable Sanitation Association International, Minneapolis, Minn 'Portable Sanitation: Reality vs. Myth'
9:30 – 9:45	BREAK (Vendor area)
9:50 – 11:00	<b>Brad Parker</b> , Parker Pest Control, Inc., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 'You Won't Sleep Tight if the Bedbugs Bite: Bedbug identification, Monitoring and Control'
11:00 – 11:20	<b>Vendor Presentation- Heartland Auto-Chlor</b>

**THURSDAY, September 23rd cont.**

11:25 – 11:50	<u>ENVIRONMENTAL</u> <b>Martin Kalas</b> , CDC, Atlanta, GA 'National Preparedness Measures and their Implications for Environmental Health'	<u>FOOD</u> <b>Cynthia Kunkel</b> , Capt. USPHS 'Food Safety after Disasters/ for Homeowners and Health Departments'
12:00 – 1:30	<b>AWARDS BANQUET – Speaker Josh Svaty, Sec. of Ag.; KEHA Awards</b>	
1:35 – 2:15	<b>Martin Kalas</b> , Continued...	<b>Cynthia Kunkel</b> , Continued
2:20 – 3:15	<b>Jennifer Dawani, Dedriel Newsome</b> (EPA, Region 7, Kansas City) 'Trash to Treasure: EPA Solid & Hazardous Waste Programs'	<b>Fadi Aramouni</b> , Ph.D., K-State 'Challenges for Unrefrigerated and Ready-to-Eat Foods'
3:15 – 3:30	BREAK (Vendor Area)	
3:30 – 4:15	<b>Roger Wesley</b> , MS, RS, REHS, Center for Domestic Preparedness, Anniston, AL 'Integrating Environmental Health into Local Disaster Activities'	
4:15 – 4:35	<b>Vendor Presentation – Bio-Microbics</b>	
4:35 – 5:30	Section Meetings.....Business Meeting	
5:30 – 11:00	<b>Hospitality Suite – Residential Sewage</b> Free Evening (Cabela's, Legends, etc. etc.)	

**FRIDAY, September 24<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 – 8:00	Continental Breakfast
8:00 – 8:05	Opening Remarks—Keena Privat, RS, Lyon Co. LEPP, KEHA President
8:05 – 8:50	<b>Barbara Johnson</b> , Pollution Prevention Institute, K-State 'Best Management Practices to Help Protect Quality of Surface and Groundwater'
8:55 – 9:40	<b>Dirk Christian</b> , Lieutenant Colonel, Unit Commander, 73 <sup>rd</sup> CST, Topeka, KS 'CBRNE – Between You, Me and the CST (Civil Support Team)'
9:45 – 10:00	BREAK
10:00 – 10:45	<b>Jennifer Luchte</b> , Sustainable Ag. Policy Mgr., Monsanto, St. Louis, MO 'Sustainability in Agriculture: Producing More, Conserving More, and Improving Lives'
10:50 – 11:20	<b>Steve DeHart</b> , RS, Manhattan, KS 'Activated Sludge Simplified'
11:25 – 12:00	<b>Tama Sawyer</b> , Director, Poison Control, KU Medical Center, KS 'Toxic Threats in the Kansas Environment'
12:00 - 12:57	Closing Remarks and Comments - New President Luann Watson

# 2010 Fall Conference Registration

## DUE BY September 8, 2010

Please mail the entire sheet to:

**Greg Willis**  
**373 W. 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Hoisington, KS 67544**

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM - MUST BE POSTMARKED BY SEPTEMBER 8, 2010**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Conference Registration</b> -- KEHA member registered by 9/8/10.....	\$110.00....\$	_____
<b>Conference Registration</b> -- KEHA member registered after 9/8/10.....	\$120.00....\$	_____
<b>Conference Registration</b> -- KEHA non-member registered by 9/8/10.....	\$130.00....\$	_____
<b>Conference Registration</b> -- KEHA non-member registered after 9/8/10.....	\$140.00....\$	_____

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### SINGLE DAY REGISTRATION

Wednesday Only.....	\$40.00....\$	_____
Thursday Only.....	\$80.00....\$	_____
Friday Only.....	\$40.00....\$	_____

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Extra Pork Chop Dinner.....	\$15.00....\$	_____
Extra Awards Luncheon.....	\$25.00....\$	_____

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2011 KEHA Membership Dues (if not already paid).....\$ 20.00....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Scholarship Donation .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Money does NOT have to accompany form.)

Please make sure information is complete and include one form for each person attending the conference.

This information will be used to update the KEHA Membership list.

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RECEIPT: 2010 KEHA FALL CONFERENCE

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_, ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

Greg Willis, Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## KEHA 2010 Conference Map

## Conference Registration

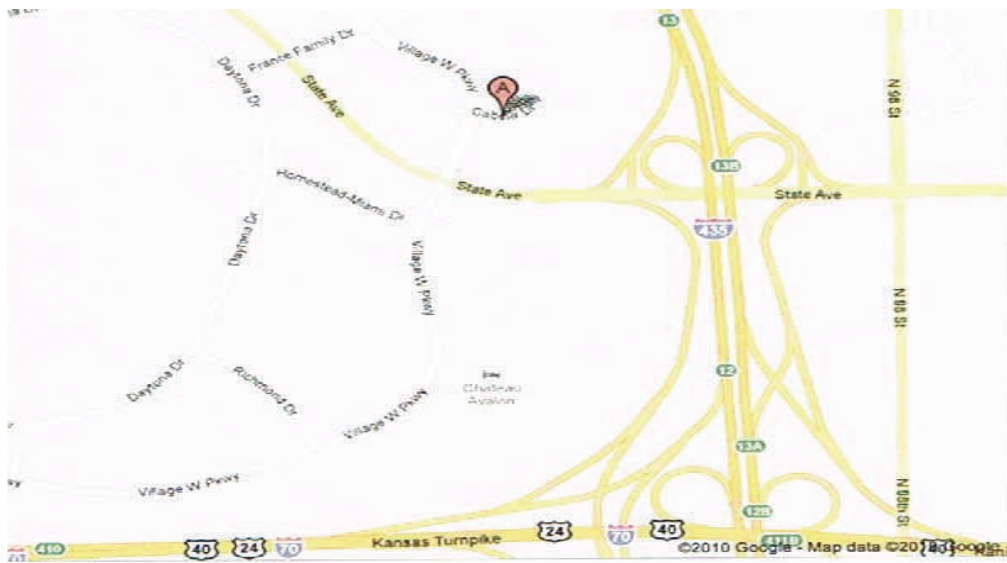
**\$110.00**

Each guest must make their own reservations by calling toll-free at 1-866-944-WOLF(9653)

Identify yourselves as members of KEHA with Reservation Number **1009KEHA**

Registration for Great Wolf Lodge is due by August 20th to get the \$79.00 room rate.

Great Wolf Lodge  
10401 Cabela Drive  
Kansas City, Kansas 66111



### Driving Directions:

From Wichita, Ks or south:

Take I-435 North, exit at State Avenue West. The lodge is 1/8 mile off the exit to the west.

From Topeka, Ks or west:

Take I-70 East to I-435 North. Exit at 13B, State Avenue West. Go west 1/8 mile, the lodge is on the right.

Or, use your fancy schmancy on board navigation system, or your high falutin smart phone navigation system, or read a map and the street signs, or your own innate sense of direction, or be a real man and stop and ask for directions.

## Challenges and Solutions

October 25-27, 2010, Saint Louis, Missouri

The NOWRA annual conference serves as the premier conference for the conveyance of new research, regulations and policy, and experience and practices in the decentralized wastewater industry. The traditional trade show will be taking a one year hiatus, but will return in 2011 when NOWRA partners with NEHA and SORA for the "Super Conference". If you have general questions about the conference or sponsorship opportunities, you can contact the Conference Committee Chair, Dr. Randy Miles by email at [milesr@missouri.edu](mailto:milesr@missouri.edu) or by phone at: 573-445-8744.

If you have questions about the education portion of the conference, you can contact the Education Committee Chair, Sara Heger by email at [sheger@umn.edu](mailto:sheger@umn.edu) or by phone at: 612-625-7243.

The Kansas Public Health Association, with the support from the Kansas Health Foundation, and the University of Kansas MPH program, Interhab, and the Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition will sponsor the 2010 KPHA Fall Conference and Annual Meeting, on September 29th and 30th, 2010 at the Capital Plaza Hotel in Topeka. This year KPHA will be offering Sanitarian CEU's! Over 315 individuals have participated in previous years. Attendees include public health professionals, physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, local and state health department employees and other health care professionals throughout Kansas from public health as well as private practice. This is your personal invitation from Heather Henke, Barber County Health Director, Conference Chair, to attend this year's conference, both as a conference attendee (for one or both days) of the conference, and, or as an Exhibitor—to share your efforts in our field of "working for a healthier Kansas". There are several exciting opportunities for you, your agency, and/or your employer to demonstrate your support for health promotion in Kansas and to network with others with the same mission. Just check out the brochure [http://www.kpha.us/events/2010\\_fall\\_conference/2010KPHAOnlineBrochure%20.pdf](http://www.kpha.us/events/2010_fall_conference/2010KPHAOnlineBrochure%20.pdf) or exhibitor/poster information on our website [www.kpha.us](http://www.kpha.us) Don't miss an exciting and unforgettable event!!

*We can do no great things, only small things with great love. - Mother Teresa*

Elaine Schwartz, Exec. Director, KPHA  
[director@kpha.us](mailto:director@kpha.us) 785-233-3103 [www.kpha.us](http://www.kpha.us)  
P.O. Box 67085, Topeka, KS 66667

**Join KPHA in Working for a Healthier Kansas!**

Attend the KPHA Fall Conference, Sept. 29-30th in Topeka!

Visit [www.kpha.us](http://www.kpha.us) to register

From Don Snethen— Reserve October 26, 2010 on your calendar for Water and The Future of Kansas 2010, Manor Conference Center—Capital Plaza Hotel, Topeka, Kansas. Theme will be Sustainable Water Resource Management. Registration fee will be \$65.00 which is \$10.00 less than previous year. (includes lunch)

Kansas Environmental Health Association—2010 Election

(Mail, Email or Fax Marilyn Eccles, R.S. Coffey County Health Department, 110 S 6th St, Burlington, KS 66839/ cchdenv@coffeycountyks.org/ Fax # 620-364-2591)

NOMINATIONS DUE TO MARILYN ECCLES BY SEPTEMBER 8, 2010

Call for Nominations:

PRESIDENT

Nominees: LuAnn Watson, LEPP, NPS, Morton County (2010 1st VP)

I nominate: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

He/She has demonstrated the ability to carry out the functions of this office by:

1st Vice President

Nominees: Levi Beaver, LEPP, Rice County (2010 2nd VP)

I nominate: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

He/She has demonstrated the ability to carry out the functions of this office by:

2nd Vice President

Nominees: NEED

I nominate: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

He/She has demonstrated the ability to carry out the functions of this office by:

Treasurer

Nominees: Nicole Hamm, KSDA Food & Drug Contract Manager

I nominate: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

He/She has demonstrated the ability to carry out the functions of this office by:

Secretary Lisa Davies, LEPP, Junction City/Geary County (incumbent)

Nominees:

I nominate: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

He/She has demonstrated the ability to carry out the functions of this office by:

**SILENT AUCTION**

Yes folks, it's that time of year again to clean out your closets and go through your office – it's the KEHA Fall Conference Silent Auction. We have always had a good selection of items that have been new, home-made, re-gifted and others that were found by the road side and brought in. The KEHA organization appreciates everyone who has donated something and all of the proceeds go to support the Bill Spaniol Scholarship Fund. This year we had enough money to give away 2 scholarships!  
 Thank you for the support!  
 Keena, Silent Auction Chair

**Sanitarian of the Year and Call for Award Nominations- 2010**

As sanitarians we are often called to a duty in which we are not necessarily welcomed or appreciated by the public which we serve. It is quite often a thankless job. Therefore, as an association, we should certainly recognize individuals within our group for their devotion and effort. Think long and hard about the nominating someone for Sanitarian of the Year and the Special Recognition award. If you have an individual in mind for one of these awards, please begin preparing the information that you need to submit as soon as possible. Nomination forms will be included with the newsletter. In order for the process to work we must have a variety of individuals to choose from. A successful awards process includes your input, so please take some time and prepare a statement and a biography for each nominee. It is always nice to have new names and people with different backgrounds nominated. Please, list contributions to KEHA, Community, County, State, or Nation.

**SANITARIAN OF THE YEAR**

NOMINEE: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or email : \_\_\_\_\_

Rational: \_\_\_\_\_

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

NOMINEE: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or email: \_\_\_\_\_

Rational: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send nominations to:

Scott Schwinn, RS  
 Pottawatomie Co. Sanitarian  
 612 East Campbell Street

West Moreland, Kansas 66549 fax 785-457-3422 , email. [sschwinn@Pottcounty.org](mailto:sschwinn@Pottcounty.org)

All nominations MUST be received no later than Sept 8, 2010 to be considered. All nominees must be members in good standing with KEHA.



## JCCS ANNOUNCEMENT

In the mid 70's several members of the "Kansas Association of Sanitarians" felt the association should and could be more than a fraternal organization. This small group became registered with the National Environmental Health Association and formed a group called the Kansas Registered Sanitarians. From this small group grew a larger group interested in becoming recognized as a Public Health Professional and a viable part of the Public Health Team. As this group explored the avenues of professionalism available to them it was soon discovered that becoming recognized as a professional had to come from within. One way to achieve this goal was to prove ones professional knowledge by passing a recognized national examination. In conjunction with the examination a coalition was formed with other Public Health Professionals (KDHE-KPHA-KAS-and at a later date KALHD was added). This coalition was called the Joint Committee for the Credentialing of Sanitarians- (J.C.C.S.) Anyone interested in becoming a registered sanitarian can get more information from the KEHA website or by contacting either Karen Purvis, chairman at [karen@ellisco.net](mailto:karen@ellisco.net) Phone 785-628-9449; or Pam Henry, Secretary/Treasurer at : [Pam.Henry@jocogov.org](mailto:Pam.Henry@jocogov.org) Phone: 913-715-6920 . **Applications are due: April 1<sup>st</sup> for a May exam; and October 1<sup>st</sup> for November Exam.**

## KELP ANNOUNCEMENT

The Kansas Environmental Leadership Program (KELP) is recruiting participants for Class 11, 2011. Each class consists of five sessions held at different locations throughout Kansas. Tuition is \$950, which covers lodging (2/room), meals, materials, and field trips. Academic credit (undergraduate and graduate level) and continuing education hours are available. The 2011 schedule is:

January 5 - 7 in Hays

March 9 - 11 in Topeka

May 18 - 20 in Garden City

August 17 - 19 in Southeast Kansas

October 5 - 7 in Wichita or Hutchinson

KELP is a blend of water resource education and community leadership skills, and is for adults interested in local environmental affairs. Begun in 1998-9 with a pilot class, Class 10 is currently underway, bringing the number of people who have participated in KELP to over 230. Each year teams of several "KELPers" conceive, design, and carry out Applied Leadership Projects (ALPs).

KELP teaches citizens about water issues and hones leadership skills, developing local leaders who can help their communities make wise environmental decisions.

Applications can be submitted online from the website: <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/kelp/> Please direct any questions to Judy Willingham, (785) 532-5813 or email [kelp@ksu.edu](mailto:kelp@ksu.edu)

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**WE'RE ON THE WEB!**

**WWW.E-KEHA.ORG**

#### **KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL TRIVIA**

The State bird of Kansas is the Western meadowlark ( *Sturnella neglecta*). Kansas is also home to the Eastern meadowlark ( *Sturnella magna*). The two species are virtually identical to the uneducated observer. The Eastern occupies the eastern half of the state and the Western inhabits the western portion with an overlapping range in the center of the state. Vocalizations are the only sure method of distinguishing the species in the field. However, if specimens are collected the difference can be readily ascertained. Count the pinion wing feather along the trailing edge of the wings. Eastern meadowlarks have 10 pinion feathers and Western meadowlarks have 11. Apparently, the only real difference is a matter of a pinion.

*The Objective of the Kansas Environmental Health Association is to promote competency and effectiveness in sanitarians and other environmentalists engaged in the regulation of the Kansas environment including, but not limited to, food service establishments, commercial food preparation facilities, dairy products businesses, meat processing plants, bakeries, commercial lodging and hotels, swimming pools, water supplies, wastewater treatment and disposal, solid waste collection and disposal, air pollution control, radiation control, hazardous waste materials management, pesticide usage, institutions, schools, nursing homes, hospitals and health care facilities, recreational camps and public events.*